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FOREIGN DOCUMENTS DIVISION

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Revision of
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SUBJECT: Selected Briefs from the International Press

A. The procedural instructions for the Selected Briefs from the International Press are amended as follows:

1. Press items should be submitted to the coordinating staff on a continuous basis in order to assure efficient and speedy processing.
2. Analysts will use only information from sources which are no more than 2 months old, unless the delayed arrival of the sources or other special conditions make adherence to such time limitation impossible.
3. A travel or trade item which includes information of both an East-West and Intra-Orbit nature should be divided accordingly and included under the appropriate categories, unless this information is interrelated.
4. For non-Orbit publications, analysts will indicate Communist organs by the designation "Com," and emigre publications may be identified as such when significant. Other political affiliations should not be indicated.

B. The instructions for reporting on the nine subject categories are revised as follows:

1. Communist Movements

Items on non-Orbit Communist Party and Communist front activities at national and local level, including personalities, meetings, proceedings, decisions, plans, and strength (membership). Communist party training programs and party school curriculums; description of non-Orbit Communist Party offices and equipment; and Communist Party or Communist front campaigns will be reported. Front organizations will include Communist-controlled labor unions and youth, student, women, and professional groups, whether international or national, and East-West friendship associations.

2. International Conferences and Fairs

All international conferences (scientific, technical, political, cultural, economic, and religious; Communist and

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non-Communist; but excluding military, diplomatic, and sport meetings) of a formal nature and having a specific name will be reported, including the date, location, agenda, delegates, and financial support, if available. UN conferences should be omitted unless they are of regional nature.

The following international fairs and exhibitions shall be reported: (1) all forthcoming fairs not elsewhere reported (a Commerce Department list of international fairs which are not to be reported is available from the coordinators); and (2) all fairs regardless of date which give reference to Orbit participation including exhibitions by an individual Orbit country in a non-Orbit country or by a non-Orbit country in an Orbit country. Information on these fairs may include a listing of items exhibited, giving the name and address of the manufacturer, if available.

If an F requirement pertaining to a certain international fair is received from ICB/OCD, no information from FDD is needed because that particular fair will be adequately covered in the field.

3. East-West Travel and Contacts

Items of official and unofficial travel and contacts between Orbit and non-Orbit countries will be reported, with reference to the following types of activity: scientific, technical, financial, commercial, and cultural, including travel of students, artists, athletes, newspapermen, and exchange of cultural material, etc. Presence of Orbit representatives in a non-Orbit country (including political officials but excluding normal diplomatic personnel interchange) and information on any defection from Orbit countries, or vice versa, as well as itineraries of individuals or groups en route and within country of destination and also names of persons and organizations contacted will be reported. Little attention should be paid to travel of West Germans to East Germany or East Germans to West Germany, since such travel items are adequately covered in the field.

4. Intra-Orbit Travel and Contacts

Official and unofficial travels within the Orbit of technical and managerial personnel of Orbit industrial enterprises. Orbit political and government key figures (except diplomatic personnel), high-level Orbit cultural and educational figures, Orbit medical personnel, and key figures in mass organizations should be reported. Travels of Orbit scientists (other than medical personnel) within the Orbit will be reported in the FDD publication Science News Items.

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5. East-West Trade

Legal and illegal trade, including rendering of services, between Orbit and non-Orbit countries should be reported, including names and addresses of non-Orbit firms, banking concerns, and individuals involved in East-West trade. Official trade and payment agreements as well as official foreign trade statistics should be highlighted with the most significant information only.

6. Intra-Orbit Trade

Any information on commodity purchases and transfers, financial transactions, rendering of services, and trade agreements between the Orbit countries should be reported, including any information on the Council for Economic Mutual Assistance and on scientific-technical cooperation.

7. East-West Cargo Shipments

All Cargo shipments between East and West should be reported whenever a definite cargo is given, including references to names of ships, ports of call, and methods of loading or unloading. Items indicating only general cargo are to be omitted. Mare ship movements between East and West are reported by the listening outposts of the US Navy and by Lloyd's Register, and should therefore be excluded.

8. Smuggling and Arms Traffic

Accounts of smuggling of any commodities destined for Orbit countries from the West or for the West from Orbit countries and all smuggling activities pertaining to narcotics, gold, and arms are to be reported. Accounts of all legal and illegal arms traffic from one foreign country to another, whether by railroad, road, air, or ship, are also to be reported.

9. Orbit Trade Advertisements in Non-Orbit Countries

Advertisements which present opportunities for purchase of Orbit products outside the Orbit countries should be reported, including names and addresses of firms or individuals through whom such products are available.

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